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been set up by 23 State Governments/Union Territories to oversee the implementation of the provision of the Act.

**Equal Remuneration Act**

2125. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation regarding withdrawing notification issued under the Equal Remuneration Act which provide different working conditions for air hostesses and flight pursers of Air India;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the representation; and

(c) steps taken by Government to withdraw the notification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The Air India Hostesses Association has filed a complaint before the controlling authority Assistant Labour Commissioner (C) under Section 7 of the Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 on 2nd May, 1990. In the said complaint they have requested the competent authority to give directions to Air India to (1) allow them to fly up to 58 years; (2) abolish medical examination; (3) abolish all forms of disparity in promotional avenues; (4) common line of promotion; (5) equal status on Board.

**Conditions of Tea Garden Workers**

2126. SHRI DRUPAD BARGOHAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what policy his Ministry has adopted to enforce the law as regards the low paid, underfed, unhealthy tea garden workers in different tea producing States of India; and

(b) whether his Ministry has taken action to force the owners of tea gardens to provide all the amenities as per law?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) The Plantation Labour Act, 1951 seeks to regulate the conditions of plantation labour generally. It applies in the first instance to tea,